

# Richard Cobden

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Years, Looks, Political, Believe, World, Office, Progress, Sweet, Would Be,  
Liberty, Term*

A newspaper should be the maximum of information, and the minimum of comment.

~Richard Cobden

For every credibility gap there is a gullibility gap.

~Richard Cobden

The progress of freedom depends more upon the maintenance of peace, the spread of commerce, and the diffusion of education, than upon the labours of cabinets and foreign offices.

~Richard Cobden

Wars have ever been but another aristocratic mode of plundering and oppressing commerce.

~Richard Cobden

Peace will come to earth when the people have more to do with each other and governments less.

~Richard Cobden

On the contrary, all the world would point to that nation as violating a treaty, by going to war with a country with whom they had engaged to enter into arbitration.

~Richard Cobden

The landlords are not agriculturists; that is an abuse of terms which has been too long tolerated.

~Richard Cobden

I am not accustomed to pay fulsome compliments to the English, by telling them that they are superior to all the world; but this I can say, that they do not deserve the name of cowards.

~Richard Cobden

It has been one of my difficulties, in arguing this question out of doors with friends or strangers, that I rarely find any intelligible agreement as to the object of the war.

~Richard Cobden

Look not to the politicians; look to yourselves.

~Richard Cobden

I took the repeal of the Corn Laws as light amusement compared with the difficult task of inducing the priests of all denominations to agree to suffer the people to be educated.

~Richard Cobden

I believe it has been said that one copy of The Times contains more useful information than the whole of the historical works of Thucydides.

~Richard Cobden

But it is my happiness to be half Welsh, and that the better half.

~Richard Cobden

I have been particularly struck with the overwhelming evidence which is given as to the fitness of the natives of India for high offices and employments.

~Richard Cobden

Treaties of peace, made after war, are entrusted to individuals to negotiate and carry out.

~Richard Cobden

Luck relies on chance, labor on character.

~Richard Cobden

You may keep Turkey on the map of Europe, you may call the country by the name of Turkey if you like, but do not think you can keep up the

Mahommedan rule in the country.

~Richard Cobden

I've seen the smiling of Fortune beguiling, I've felt all its favours and found its decay; Sweet was its blessing, kind its caressing, But now it is fled, fled far, far away.

~Richard Cobden

This great oracle of the East India Company himself admits that, if there is no power vested in the Court of Directors but that of the patronage, there is really no government vested in them at all.

~Richard Cobden

People who eat potatoes will never be able to perform their abilities in whatever job they choose to have.

~Richard Cobden

From 1836, down to last year, there is no proof of the Government having any confidence in the duration of peace, or possessing increased security against war.

~Richard Cobden

the principles of political economy have elevated the working class above the place they ever filled before.

~Richard Cobden

Cobden was the greatest statesman and prophet of the century. His speeches are an inspiration. A man whose disciple I am willing to confess I am.

~Richard Cobden

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